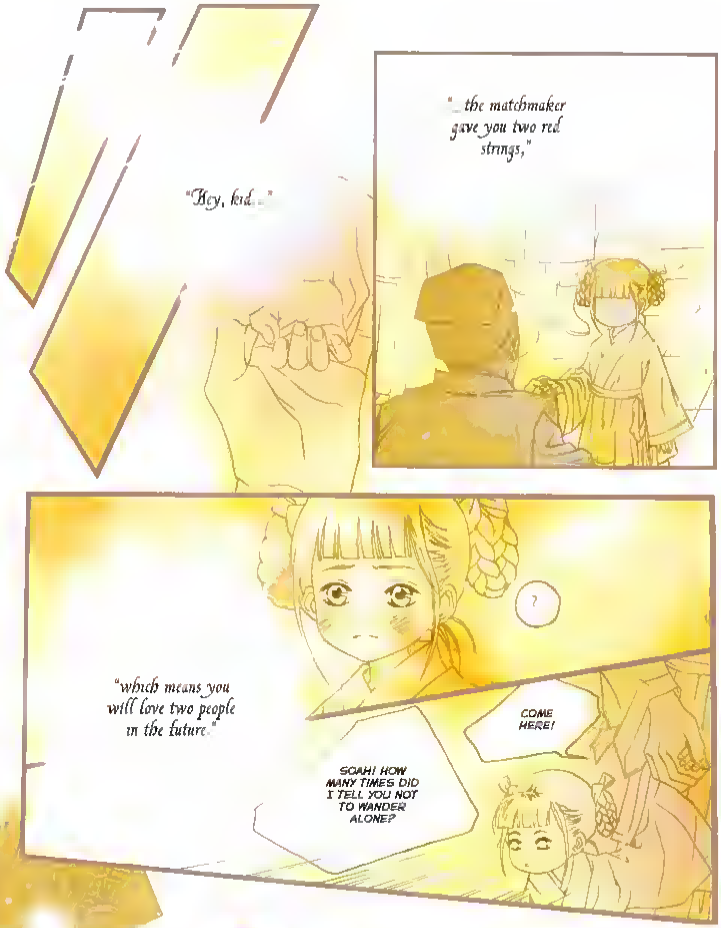
...was my wedding day.

The bride of the Water God


"Hey, kid..."
"...the matchmaker gave you two red strings,"
"which means you will love two people in the future."
?
COME HERE!
SCAH! HOW MANY TIMES DID I TELL YOU NOT TO WANDER ALONE?
Who said those words?

SO, SHE'S THE BRIDE OF THE WATER GOD?
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO RECEIVED A DIVINE REVELATION.
POOR THING, SHE'S SO YOUNG
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. IT HAS BEEN DRY FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. THE WELL HAS BEEN DRY FOR A WHILE, TOO
BESIDES THE FARMING PROBLEMS, THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE BIT OF WATER FOR US TO DRINK.
WE HAVE TO CALM DOWN THE ANGRY WATER GOD BY OFFERING HIM A BRIDE
SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE SACRIFICED ON OUR BEHALF.
BUT...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SAID TO BE A GOD...
COULDN'T IT BE A MONSTER IN REALITY?

PLEASE DON'T HATE US. WE DIDN'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN, EITHER...
BUT SOAH, I'M GLAD YOU ARE GOING.
WE'RE VERY THANKFUL FOR YOU
WE CAN NOW ALL LIVE BECAUSE OF YOU.
It's a lie
"I'm so glad that she's not our daughter"
"It's not our fault You were the unlucky one"
Anyway, a sacrifice is needed.
"It's a superstition But I don't care if it's false as long as it rains."
"As long as it's not me, I don't care."

I don't care what happens to my town
But...
"SOAH, ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED? YOU LOOK SO PRETTY. ."
"I WOULD WANT TO BECOME A PRETTY BRIDE, TOO."
"SOAH."
"SOAH.."
But
!
WOOOSH

Please, God of Water...
Please
Please
Let it rain!
WOOOSH

FWOOSH
FWOOSH

SPLASH
THIS PLACE...

...IS THE WATER KINGDOM...?
TAP TAP TAP
SWOOSH
*Sign on fish says "Fly."

?!
WELCOME
I AM IN CHARGE OF THE PALACE. MY NAME IS YOOK-OH.
PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
I WILL GUIDE YOU...
...TO THE WATER GOD...

PLEASE
WAIT RIGHT
HERE

Am I alive right now?

Or am I dead?

So, what's going to happen now?

Kid?
It's the same age as my sister...
HELLO, LITTLE BOY. DO YOU LIVE HERE?

PASSES BY
FROZEN
She got ignored
...

FWOOSH
PERFECT...
I LOST MY WAY. I SHOULD HAVE JUST WAITED.

IS HE THE WATER GOD?!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
"ONCE YOU SEE HIS FACE FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU WILL NEVER FORGET IT."
"HE'S A VERY UGLY MONSTER."
"I HEARD HE EATS HUMANS..."
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

But-DUMP
But-DUMP
But-DUMP

That person...
...is my husband...
TAP TAP TAP
SO, YOU WERE HERE ALL THIS TIME. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
TURN
IS EVERY-THING OK, SOAH?

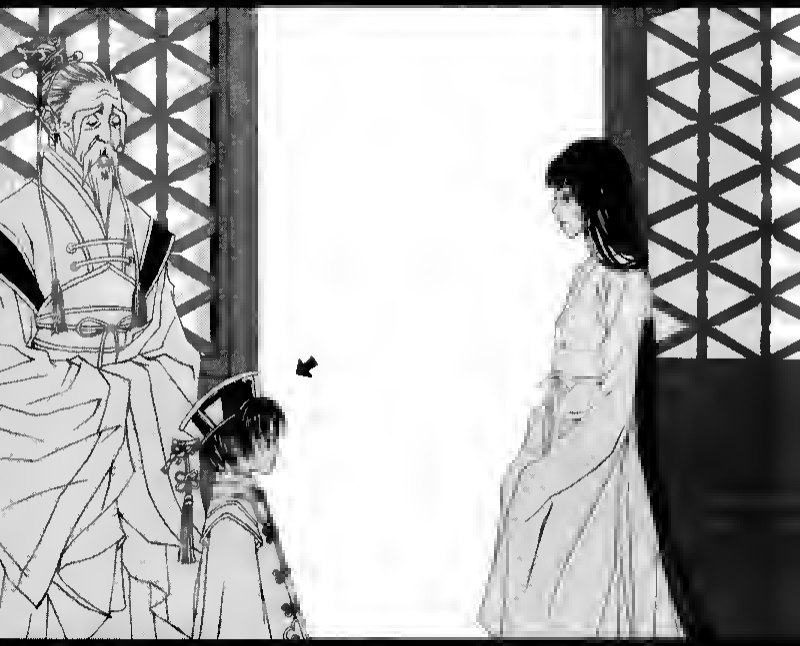
So, the god could be this beautiful, huh
I never thought of that
THE WATER GOD IS THIS WAY
BA-DUMP
CLICK
BA-DUMP
OPEN
BA-DUMP

AH.
YOOK-OH GRANDFATHER.
I HAVE ACCOMPANIED HER EVER SINCE HER ARRIVAL.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
...

SOAH!
AH, YES?
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU. THIS PERSON IS THE COMMANDER HOO-YE.
KYEAK
AND...
TOUCH
THIS PERSON IS

...THE GOD OF ALL THINGS DEALING WITH WATER. HE'S THE WATER GOD.

Вид?!



Ах...

The world of the Gods...
Humans will never understand it.

I thought about it.

No one would believe that the Water God who we all feared is this kid...

But I'm glad that he's not a scary monster...

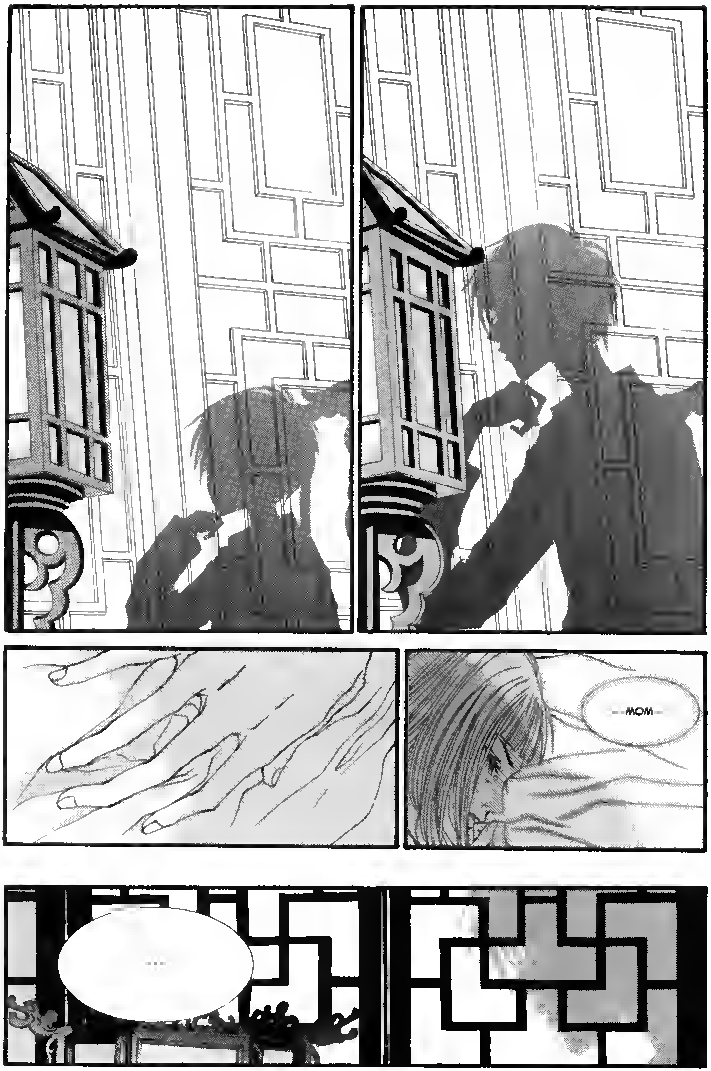
THANK YOU AND YOU ARE LIKE ME... FILLED WITH THE GRACE OF A MAN
THIS CHESTNUT SIZED KID
I'M SURPRISED I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE WATER GOD WAS CUTE

FALL
Yikes!
Ack!
Don't worry about us, just continue on with what you were doing.
But what were you doing?
I'M JU-DONG
You are really cute.
THAT FELLOW, CAN WE LEAVE HIM ALONE?
JUST LEAVE IT ALONE
I'M MOO-RA, A FEMALE GOD
THAT GIRL IS A FEMALE GOD BELIEVER IN BUDDHISM BUT WITHOUT PROPERTY
JUST CALL ME YO-HYE.

DON'T BE SO MEAN TO THEM THIS TIME, WATER GOD
DO NOT INTERFERE IN THIS MATTER!
IT'S ALREADY PITIFUL THAT SHE HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM HER FAMILY
SHE MIGHT LOOK CALM ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ISN'T THAT THE SAME THING AS BEING CAST AWAY BY YOUR PEOPLE?
...

Moo-ra, she said something useless...
DON'T YOU MISS THEM? YOUR FAMILY?
NO. I DON'T MISS THEM AT ALL.
DID SHE SPEAK WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING HER SITUATION AGAIN?
HUMPH! HUMANS... I TOLD THEM TO SACRIFICE THE PRETTIEST GIRL. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ALL A FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR DROUGHT INSTEAD OF JUST FIVE YEARS.
?

SNOOZE
SNOOZE
A stormy day is ending...


MOM
...

YOU ARE A LIAR, YOUNG LADY.

Yoon Mikyung

The Bride of the Water God

The Water God is upset and will only bestow rain upon humans when the sacrifice of a virgin girl is made. Soah decides to become the Water God's bride for the sake of her village whose people are exhausted from the long drought.

After Soah puts her sorrowful family behind her and enters the Water Kingdom, she finally meets the Water God. However, she's surprised by his looks, for he looks so different from what she had originally thought!

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When making something,
if you put all your heart and soul into it,
they say that the creation would then
obtain a soul.

I still need to work on many things,
but here's a thank you to everyone who has
watched out for me. I will try harder.

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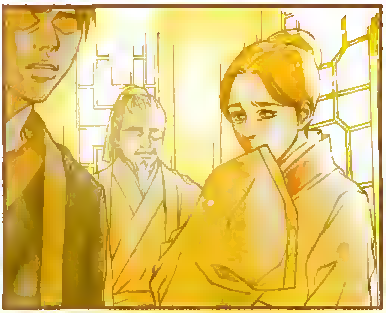
I'M SORRY, HONEY...

I'M SORRY

That was the sad voice of my mother...



That day...

which was as gloomy as a funeral...

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UHHH

STARTLED

THAT'S RIGHT... THIS IS NOT HOME...

UHHH

*The korean name of the water god.

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
OH? YOUR BUTTON IS NOT RIGHT.
I AM NOT A KID!
pop pop
"If you have anything you need, please call me, Soah"
Butler?! Grandfather!!
THE BUTLER GRANDFATHER SEEMS LIKE A NICE PERSON
"Hiraeth can be a bother, but he does have his cute side"

FREEZE
I forgot
I shoul'd have warned her not to go to the old building area...
Well... It has been a while since she came. I am sure it will be fine...
...
I'VE LOST MY WAY AGAIN... BUT WHY ARE ALL THESE OLD BUILDINGS HERE?

CREAK
WHO? THIS IS NOT A PLACE WHERE JUST ANYONE CAN COME...
AH... I AM SORRY! I DIDN'T KNOW...
flustered
AH...
HABAEK'S BRIDE? RIGHT?

Wow! Nice meeting you!
MY NAME IS TAE EL JIN. DOCTOR AND INVENTOR.
I'M SOAH.
BY ANY CHANCE DO YOU HAVE ANY PAIN? A COLD? ATHLETE'S FOOT?
Anything?
NO, I AM FINE
THEN IN RETURN, LET ME WRITE YOU A CHARM.
Crush Crush
IT'S CALLED, "COMPLETION OF ONE'S WISH"
THE FORM MIGHT NOT BE NICE, BUT THE EFFECT IS GOOD
I AM SORRY BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL WISH
BEFORE I WANTED THE RAIN TO FALL, BUT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED
WHAT?
I DOUBT THE RAIN FELL

HABAEK!
IS THAT TRUE?
WHAT ARE YOU BEING SO NOISY FOR?
IS IT TRUE? YOU DIDN'T LET THE RAIN FALL!
IF IT DOESN'T RAIN TODAY, A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL DIE!
EVERYONE IS HOPING...
IT MIGHT BE A WASTE OF TIME FOR YOU, BUT FOR HUMANS, IT IS THEIR LIFE!
HOW IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ALWAYS PLAY WITH HUMAN LIVES?!

THAT'S THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT
HOW MUCH NATURE IS BEING RETURNED DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH IT IS BEING RECEIVED
AREN'T THE HUMANS THE ONES WHO ARE REALLY SELFISH?

"IF WE DO A SACRIFICE, WE CAN LIVE! JUST ONE PERSON..."
"JUST ONE PERSON..."
AS LONG AS ONE IS SAFE, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO OTHER PEOPLE
SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE?
ALSO...
TAP
AREN'T YOU MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY UNDERSTANDING YOUR OWN SITUATION?
BLUSH
...
WALK
WALK
I WAS MISTAKEN. I'VE BEEN FOOLED BY HIS APPEARANCE...
I FORGOT THAT I AM FACING A BAD TEMPERED GOD...

GRAB
SWISH
WHAT IS IT?!
AH HOO YE... I AM SORRY
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.

IF YOU ARE TIRED, TELL ME.
SWOOSH
I WILL HELP YOU ANY TIME.
THANK YOU...

I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE YET. I HAVE TO TRY MY BEST.
She is different from her—
"LET'S ESCAPE..."
"LET'S ESCAPE TOGETHER, HOO-YE."

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO ILL-TEMPERED, HABAEK?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DON'T LIKE HER
...
SHHHHHH
NEVER-THELESS...

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
I ACTUALLY LIKE THIS WORLD.
THE GROUND IS UNDOUBTEDLY DRY WITH ITS EXTREME UGLINESS DUE TO THE DROUGHT AND THE PEOPLE FIGHT AND KILL EACH OTHER CONTINUOUSLY, BUT THE MOON IS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S NOT ME, THE HUMANS ARE KILLING THEMSELVES.
THE HUMANS MAKE THE WATER UNCLEAN AND CONTAMINATED.
KILLING OFF NOT ONLY THEIR OWN KIND BUT ALSO THE OTHER ANIMALS.
ONCE IT'S OVER, EVERYTHING WILL BE DESTROYED.

Hmph.
Well, I have no choice...

WOOOSH
God is meant to forgive humans in the end even while he is betrayed each time...
HUH?
Nick
Nick
Nick
IT'S RAINING!!!
RAIN!

Some of them might have remembered Soah, who was ruined herself and became the bride of Baback.
And in the future, this will be passed down as a story...

The story of a violent god of water who was calmed by a girl...
Who sacrificed herself to save a village...

SO HABAEK LET THE RAIN FALL?
WHAT'S WITH THE FICKLENESS ALL OF THE SUDDEN?
BUT
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS?

ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OF HABAEK'S PREVIOUS BRIDES?
?!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

michi chuuuus her translator cutie don't work yourself to death on your b-day hunni <3 -- michiko

Dearest Skyami, All of us here at Entropy would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE KOREAN TRANSLATORS EVER!! May this day and all days in this new year of your life be filled with manhwa to read and enjoy and maybe translate. ^---^ -- megkf

A sincere thank you for all your help and everything you do for us, without you we wouldnt be what we are. I wish you a fantastic coming year! Love - Saga

sky-baby, UGYAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! -- Risey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SKY!! - SAPP

SKYisYOU! SOPHeaMi! ARe YOU tHAT QUeeN, tHE FOR Fit BiRtHDAY LOVELY, WONDeRFUL a YOU WiSHiNG: WiNGS WiDe YOUR UNDeR taKeN Have YOU tHAT PROJeCts KOReAN MANY, MANY tHe tRANSLATiNG BY OFF it WORK tHeN AND (COURSe OF COOKies LiKe) tHiNGS YUMMY OF LOts eat. OFF it tOP tO AND... +10000000000 KISU! -- SOPHeNDO

Happy Birthday Sky, May bishies are falling from the sky on this special occasion (all except K2). - love totochan q(^_^)p

<3 HA-NEUL, SAENG-IL CHUK-HA HAMNIDA~ *BOBO SINGS XP* YOU WITH THE BRAINS AND THE LOOKS! >:P UM, HAPPY BIRTHDAY [AGAIN]! -- LOVE BOBO

"WE DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER. WELL, I DO KNOW YOU WHEN YOU'RE IDLING ON IRC. ANYWAY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY =)" -- ICASSOP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. -VANDERGUARD

Sky honey, you're the best! Thanks so much for introducing me to the great world of manhwa to read, love you loads! Hope you had a great birthday! -- Sephrenia

別伊

Happy birthday sky! I hope that you have a wonderful one full of sweet treats, and great times! May you enjoy yourself! -- LadyMeep

Happy birthday skyami! and be sure to have lots fun on your special day <3 -- kokoro-chin

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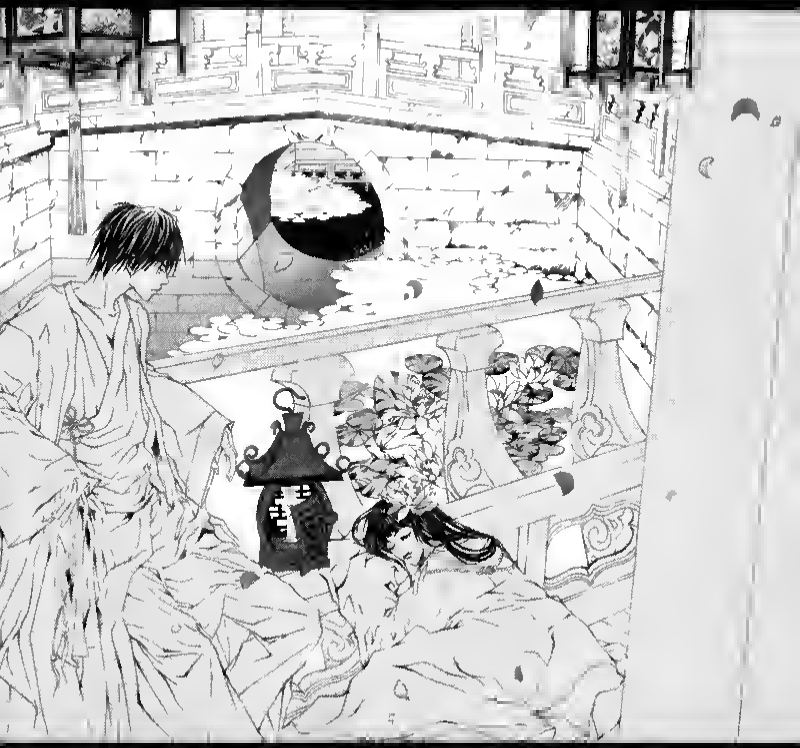

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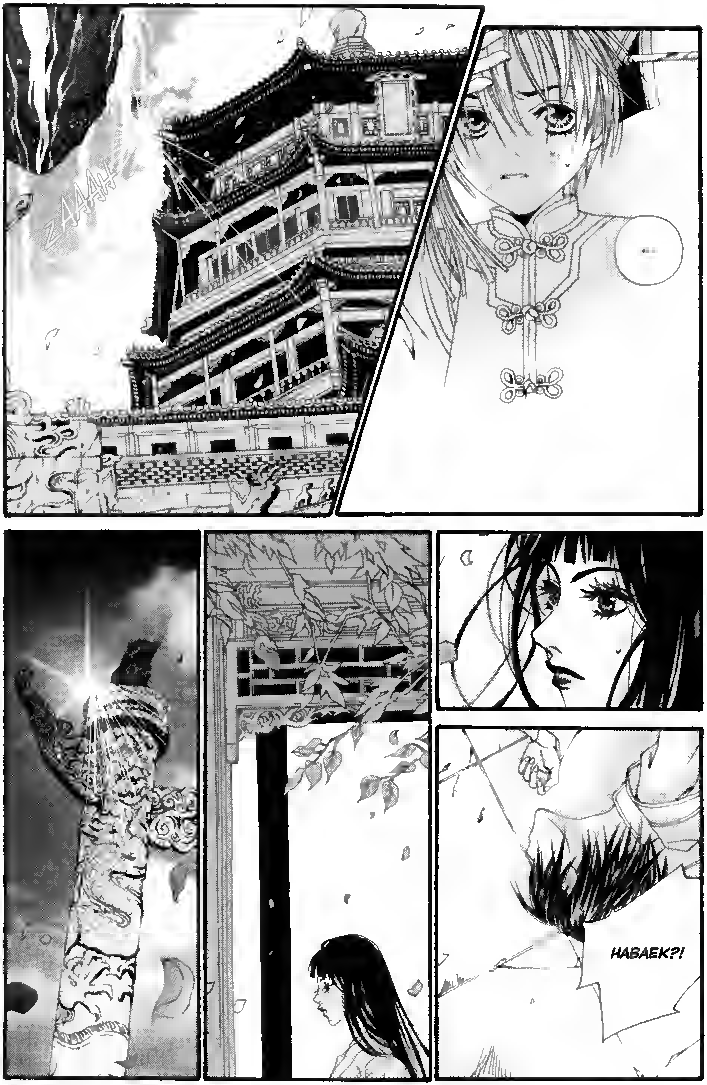
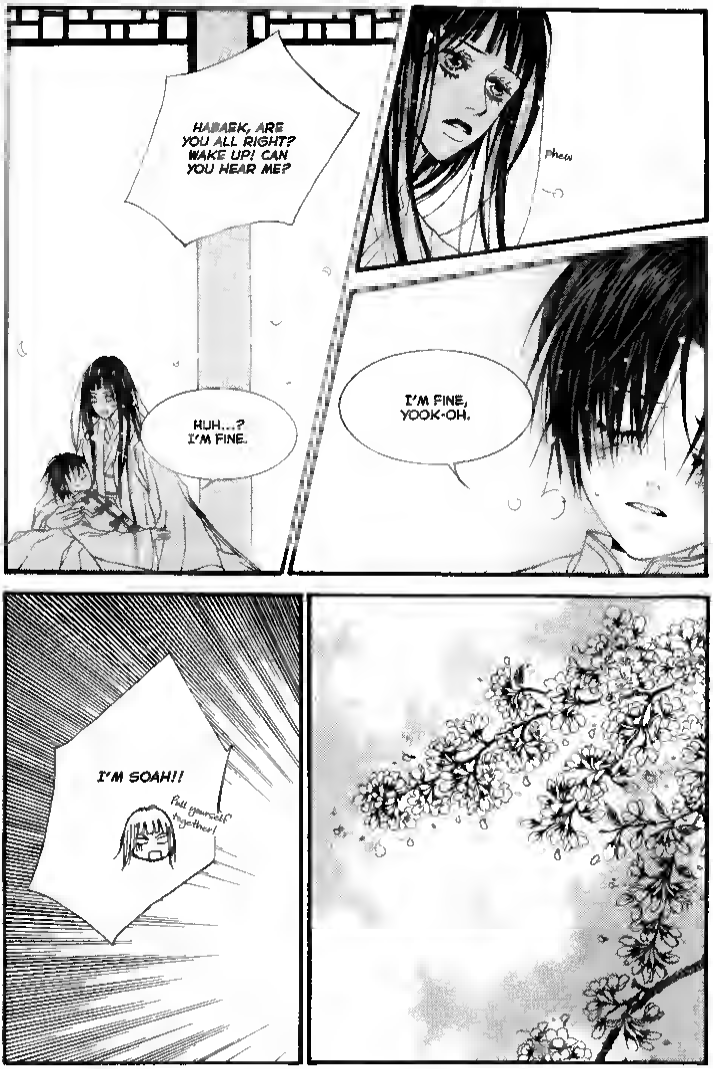

HABAEK?!


HABAEK, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WAKE UP! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HUH...? I'M FINE.
Phew
I'M FINE, YOOK-OH.
I'M SOAH!!
Pull yourself together!

DON'T WORRY.
HABAEK'S THE GOD OF WATER, SO HE'S WEAK TO SUNLIGHT.
I'M SURE THAT YOU, SOAH, GOT SCARED, SO DRINK SOME TEA AND BREATHE SLOWLY.
MOREOVER, I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAY SEVERAL TIMES NOW, RIGHT? HEH HEH...
THE WATER KINGDOM'S REALLY BIG, SO BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T DISAPPEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN.

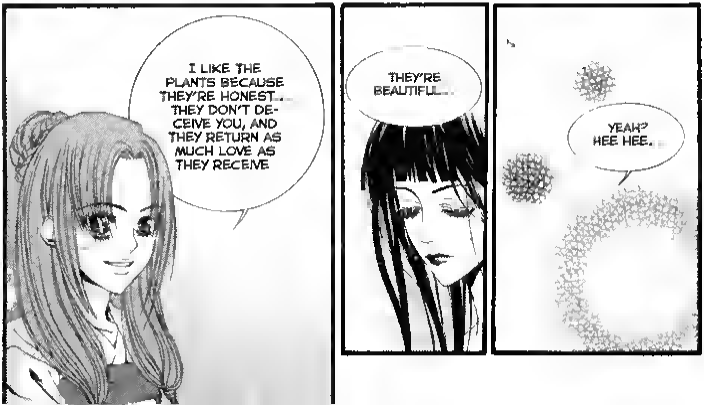
LIKE ALL OF HABAEK'S OTHER BRIDES?
HMM... WHO TOLD YOU THAT...?
THE FEMALE GOD MOO-RA WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE. SIR TAE EL JIN, DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
HMM... OH, MY... THIS IS HARD TO EXPLAIN
I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH, SO I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS
ALL I KNOW IS THAT HABAEK'S FIRST WIFE WAS A WOMAN CALLED "NAKBIN."

SHE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN HABEAK EVER REALLY LOVED, BUT SHE DIED YOUNG.
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE DIED,
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OF HIS OTHER WIVES.
I ONLY KNOW THAT ONE FACT.
AND YET, THERE'S ONE MORE THING WE CAN BE SURE OF..

BECAUSE HE CAN'T BE HONEST, A LOT OF PEOPLE END UP MISUNDERSTANDING HIM.
BUT HABAEK'S NOT A BAD PERSON, SO DON'T WORRY.
YES ... I KNOW.
AFTER ALL, HE LET THE RAIN FALL ... BUT ...
IF YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT IT, I'LL DO A PALM READING FOR YOU.
IF YOU KNOW THE FUTURE, WILL YOU WORRY LESS?
Hmm
WHAT? IS SOMETHING WRONG?

NO, YOU'LL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.
Now that we're at it, would you like to buy a few charms? I'll give them to you cheap.
No thanks!
HABAEK HABAEK!
I HEARD THAT YOU COLLAPSED, SO I GOT WORRIED. DIDN'T TAE EL JIN TELL YOU TO GO TO THE FOREST TO RECUPERATE?
SINCE I'M WORRIED, I'LL GO WITH YOU ♡
NO THANKS
YO-HEE, I'M NOT GOING THERE TO PLAY.
IT'S ANNOY-ING
...

AHHHH
SOAH, IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THE FOREST HERE? BECAUSE THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER IN THE WATER KINGDOM, THE TREES GROW VERY WELL. THEY'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, TOO.
THAT SOUNDS NICE
YEAH? AH--!
Hey, you guys! Didn't you come here to help me recuperate?
splash


I LIKE THE PLANTS BECAUSE THEY'RE HONEST... THEY DON'T DECEIVE YOU, AND THEY RETURN AS MUCH LOVE AS THEY RECEIVE
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL...
YEAH? HEE HEE..

JU-DONG, AS THE FIRE GOD, WHY DO YOU COME TO THE WATER KINGDOM THIS OFTEN?
HUMPH, MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
I AM NOT HERE TO SEE YOU.
splash
mom
mom?

WOW, HOW DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE?
ARE YOU ALONE? WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY TO BE HERE ALONE?
I'M ALONE, TOO...
WE'RE SOMEHOW SIMILAR...
REACH-OUT...
HUH?

SOAH! NO!
WHAT?
OPEN
IT'S TOO LATE...
BYE

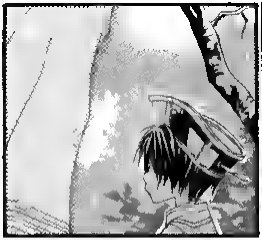
POK
PHEW. IT'S HOO-YEE, AS EXPECTED. HE'S THE BEST ARCHER IN THE REALM OF THE GODS.
BUT WHY IS A "CHE" HERE?
Che: A tiger-like monster that barks like a dog in order to lure humans closer to eat them.
YOU IDIOT!!
SHOVED

WILL YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES ONLY WHEN YOU'RE DEAD? WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE CAREFUL?!
TSK... HE'S NOT HELPING, AND MOREOVER HE HAS THE LOUDEST VOICE.
raise
Ah!
OH, NO...!
FLOP
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? I THINK SHE SPRAINED HER ANKLE AND TAE EL JIN'S NOT HERE...
AH, I...
I WILL TAKE HER.

WOW SOAH MUST BE REALLY HAPPY!

SEEING THEM LIKE THAT MAKES YOU WONDER. DON'T THEY LOOK GOOD TOGETHER?

SHOULD WE GO BACK, TOO, HABAEK?



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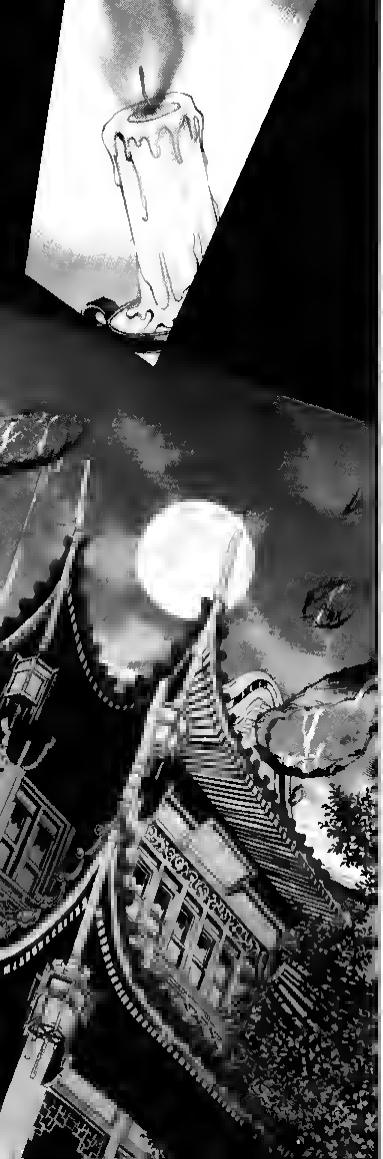
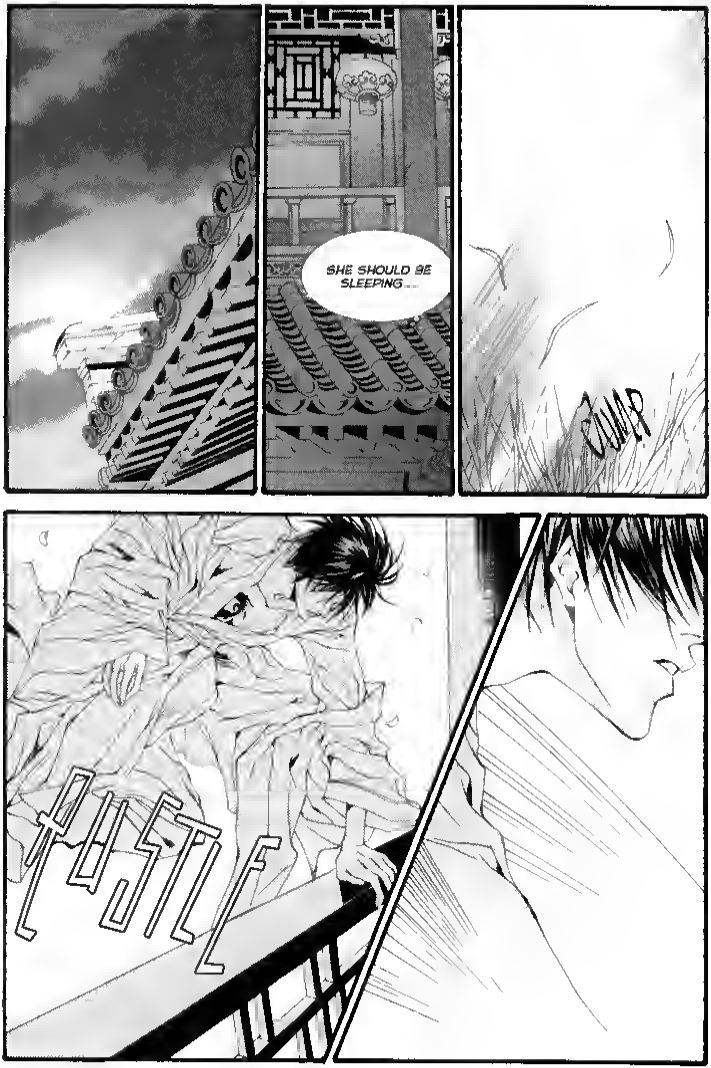

WHOOSH
FOR SOME REASON — I CAN'T SLEEP
WHERE DID HABAEK GO?

I'VE HEARD THAT THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT THIS AFTERNOON.
I'M GLAD THAT HOO-YE WAS CLOSE BY TO WATCH OVER THINGS. IT COULD HAVE BEEN DANGEROUS.
YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH DURING THE DAY, SO YOU MUST ALWAYS BE CAREFUL, HABAEK.
YES.
...
DOES THE YOUNG LADY KNOW YET?
YOUR FORM AT NIGHT.

HOW COME YOU'RE STILL HIDING IT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I PURPOSELY WANTED TO HIDE IT. IT JUST HAPPENED.
WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO TELL HER? DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY TOWARD YOUR BRIDE?
WHAT...?
I'LL TELL HER WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY COMES
WHAT? I'M JUST HAVING FUN WITH YOU. I DON'T CARE


SHE SHOULD BE SLEEPING...
THUMP
PUSH

HALT
HUH?!

NOT GOOD...!

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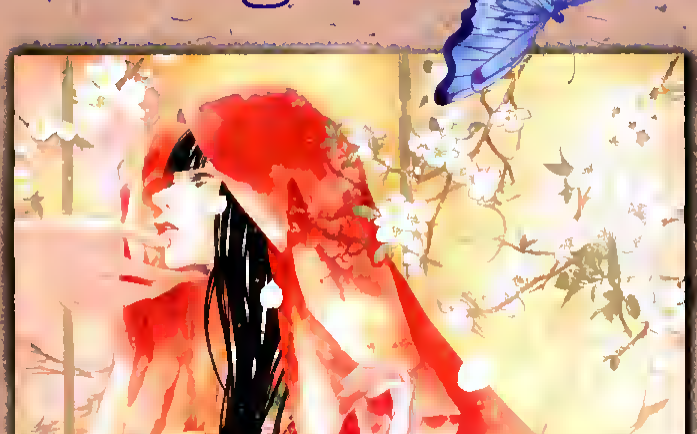

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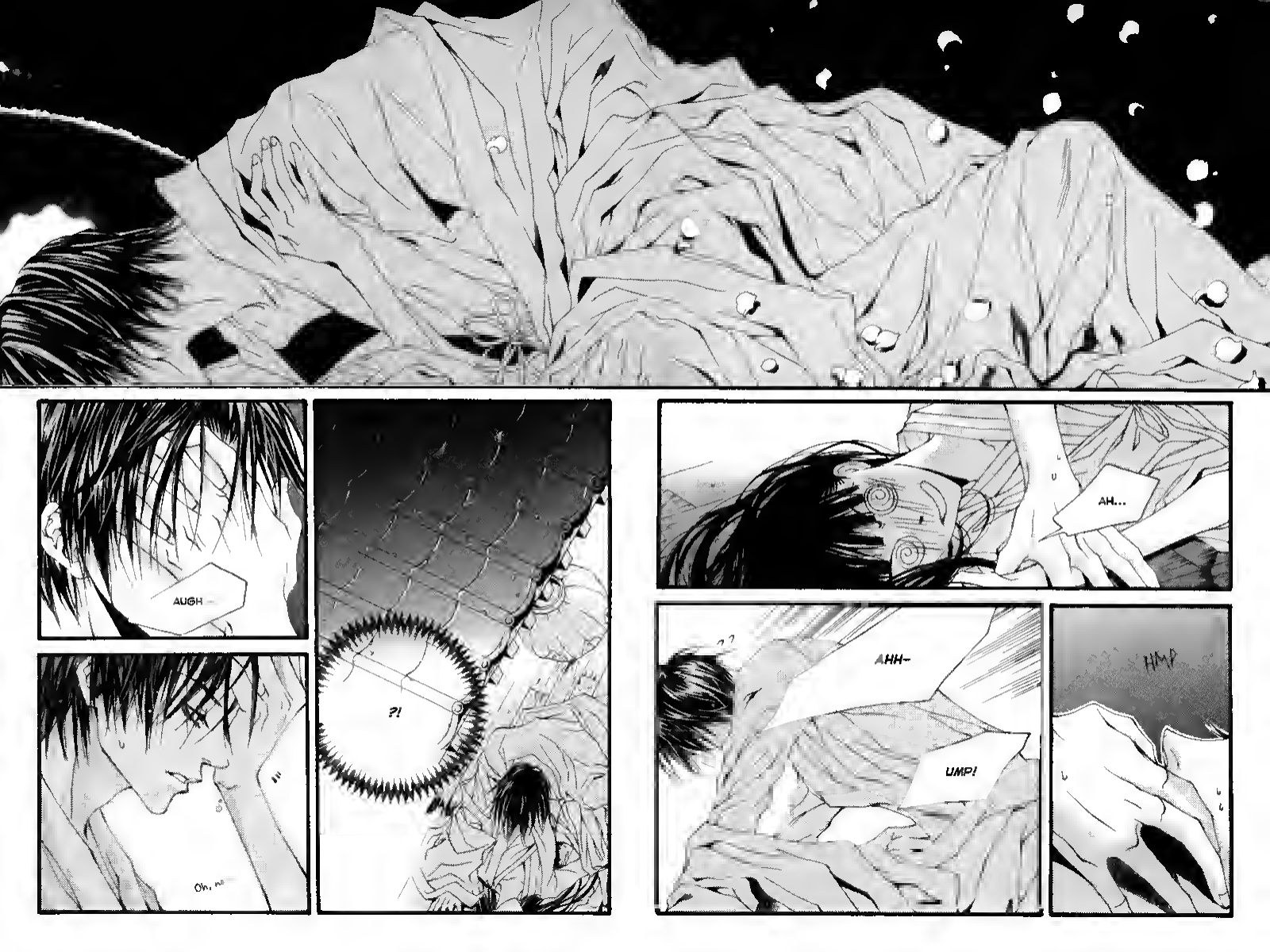
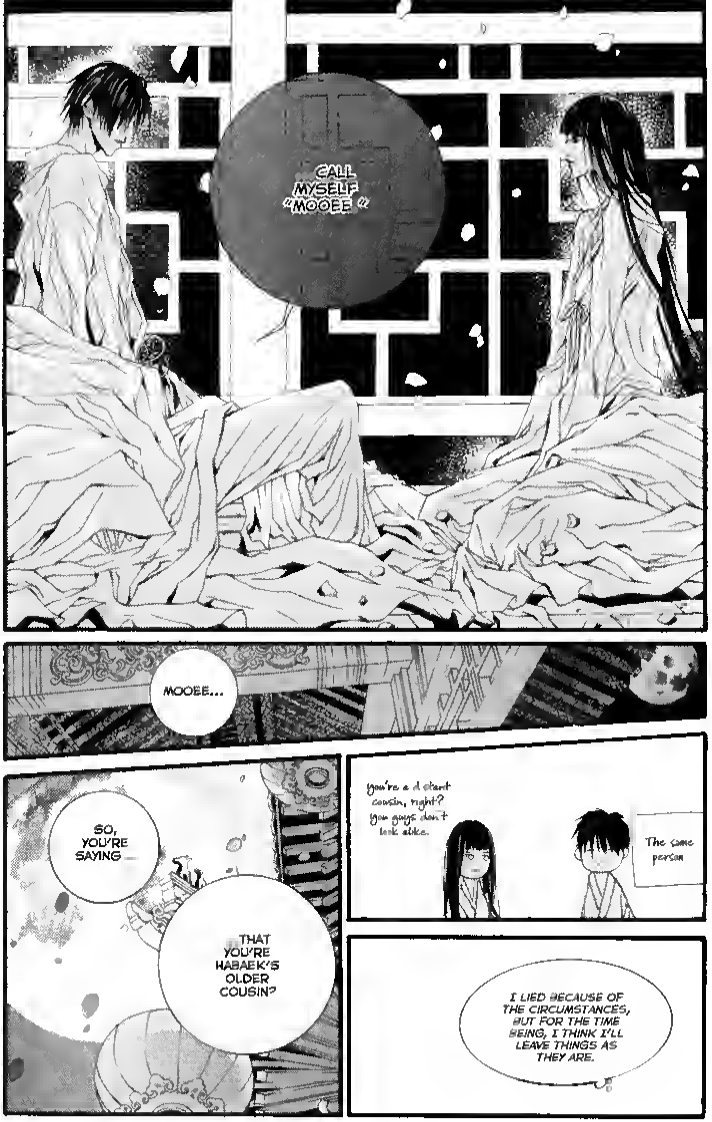
WHOOSH
?!
THUD


AUGH—
?!
Oh, no
AH...
AHH—
UMP!
HMP

I DON'T WANT A BIG COMMOTION, SO IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO SCREAM, I'LL LET YOU GO
GOT-IT?
MOM
MOM
Well I don't trust you bud
RETRACT

I WAS GOING TO EVENTUALLY TELL HER ABOUT THIS, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT FOR THE CHANCE TO COME SO SOON...
MOREOVER, HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS SITUATION TO HER?
THAT I'M A KID DURING THE DAY AND AN ADULT AT NIGHT? (IT'S TRUE. IT'S JUST A BIT OUT OF CONTEXT.)
Should I have just knocked her unconscious and escaped?
NO, SHOULD I KNOCK HER OUT NOW?
I hate complicated situations
EXCUSE ME?
HUH?!
WHO ... ARE YOU?

...SHE DOESN'T KNOW?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. A NORMAL HUMAN CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT I'M THE SAME PERSON.
I...


CALL MYSELF "MOOEE."
MOOEE...
SO, YOU'RE SAYING
THAT YOU'RE HABAEK'S OLDER COUSIN?
You're a distant cousin, right? You guys don't look alike.
The same person
I LIED BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, I THINK I'LL LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE.

JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY...
WHY HAVEN'T YOU ESCAPED?
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF HABAEK?
WHEN YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO BE SACRIFICED, COULDN'T YOU HAVE FIGURED A WAY OUT OF IT?
SUCH AS BRIBING A FEMALE SHAMAN OR ESCAPING TO LIVE IN SOME OTHER PLACE?
...

I DON'T REMEMBER THIS TOO WELL, BUT...
WHEN I WAS A KID, I PLAYED NEAR THE POND AND FELL INTO THE WATER
SPLASH
I can't breathe...

Please save me
Kom
grab
pull up
Who is it?
HUFF
cough
cough
SOAH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SOAH?

Afterward, I found out that the one who grabbed my hand was not a person.
It was the stem of a water lily.
IT WAS HAEAEK WHO HELPED YOU.
THE WATER LILY IS HIS FLOWER.

DOES THE WATER LILY BLOOM ALL YEAR LONG?
IT OPENS UP DURING THE DAY AND CLOSES AT NIGHT, ONLY TO OPEN UP THE NEXT DAY, WHICH IS
IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS A "SLEEPING FLOWER."
A LONG TIME AGO, HARAEK GOT SAD OVER THOSE WHO INTENTIONALLY DROWNED THEMSELVES, SO IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT
HE TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO THE WATER LILY WITH BIG PETALS.
"Haback also saved you."
HE'S SOMEONE WHO GETS SAD WHEN SOMEONE DIES.
HE CAN'T BE A BAD PERSON.
SO, I WAS NOT AFRAID.

IT COULD REALLY HAVE BEEN HABAEK HIMSELF, LIKE MY GRANDMOTHER SAID
THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOUR GRANDMOTHER DOESN'T KNOW.
SUCH AS A WATER LILY THAT "ONLY OPENS UP AT NIGHT."

?

WHOOSH

I MET HABAEK'S OLDER COUSIN YESTERDAY.

?

OLDER COUSIN?

A PERSON NAMED "MOOEE."

AH... MOOEE.

HIS OLDER COUSIN?
YES. THERE'S INDEED A PERSON NAMED "MOOEE" HERE. MOOEE, HUH. HO HO.
I GUESS IT WASN'T EXACTLY A LIE.
SO? WHAT DID YOU THINK AFTER MEETING HIM?
A WATER LILY...
HE WAS LIKE A WATER LILY.
?

SO, HABAEK HAS TAKEN A WIFE?
HUMPH. WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING?
AS USUAL, MOOBE DOES WHATEVER HE WANTS...
AND ONCE AGAIN, A *WORTHLESS* HUMAN BEING HAS ENTERED THE WATER KINGDOM...

I'LL GO VISIT THE WATER KINGDOM MYSELF!
SUH WANGMO'S MESSENGER HAS COME BRINGING A MESSAGE!

FLAP FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
THAT *THING* IS A MES-SENGER?
SHE'S ONE OF SUH WANGMO'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES. DON'T LOOK DOWN ON HER

?
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER APPEARANCE.
DAMN! SHE'S CUTE.
ISN'T THIS...?!
THIS IS BAD SUH WANGMO WILL BE COMING TO THE WATER KINGDOM?
WHY NOW?
REALLY? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
EXCUSE ME?
WHO'S SUH WANGMO?
SHE IS ..

...HABAEK'S MOTHER.
IS SHE VERY STRICT?
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE AFRAID OF HER...
THAT'S NOT IT.

THE REASON WHY SHE'S SO SCARY IS. .
...BECAUSE SHE'S THE GODDESS OF PUNISHMENT AND TORTURE!

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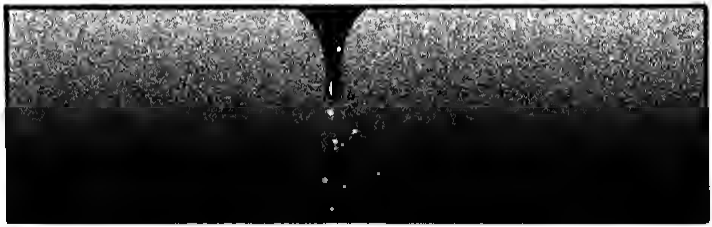
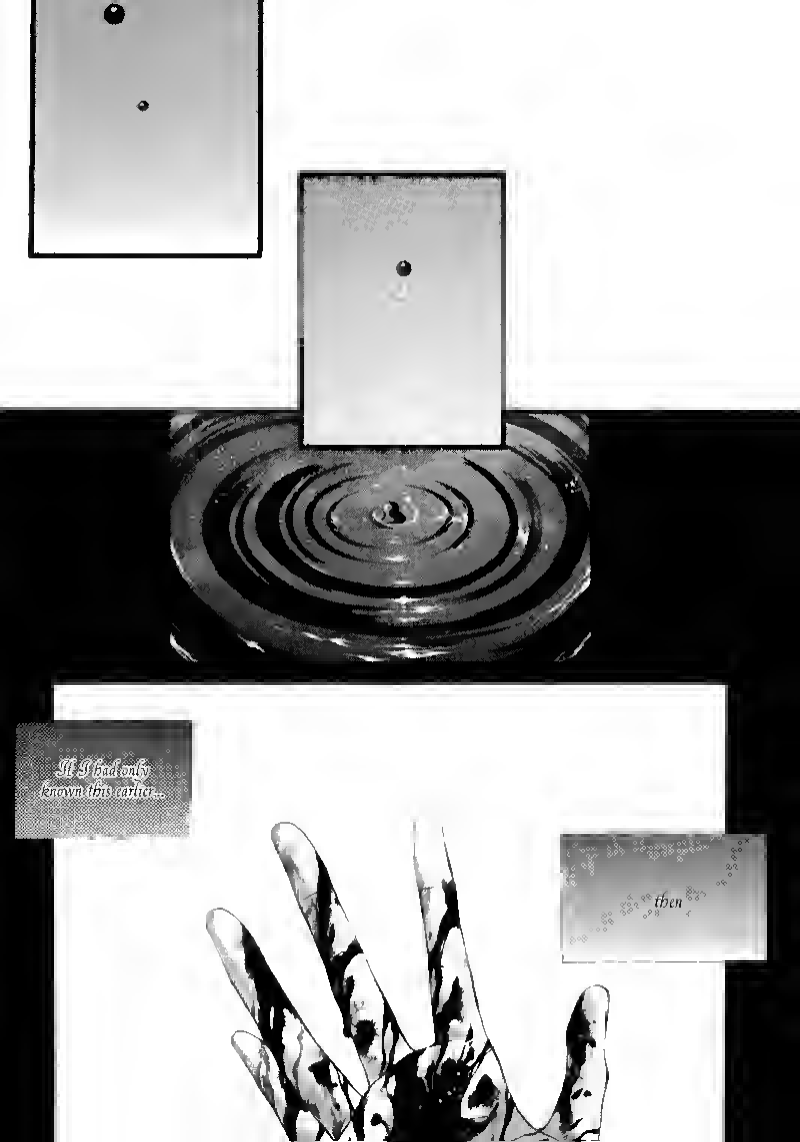
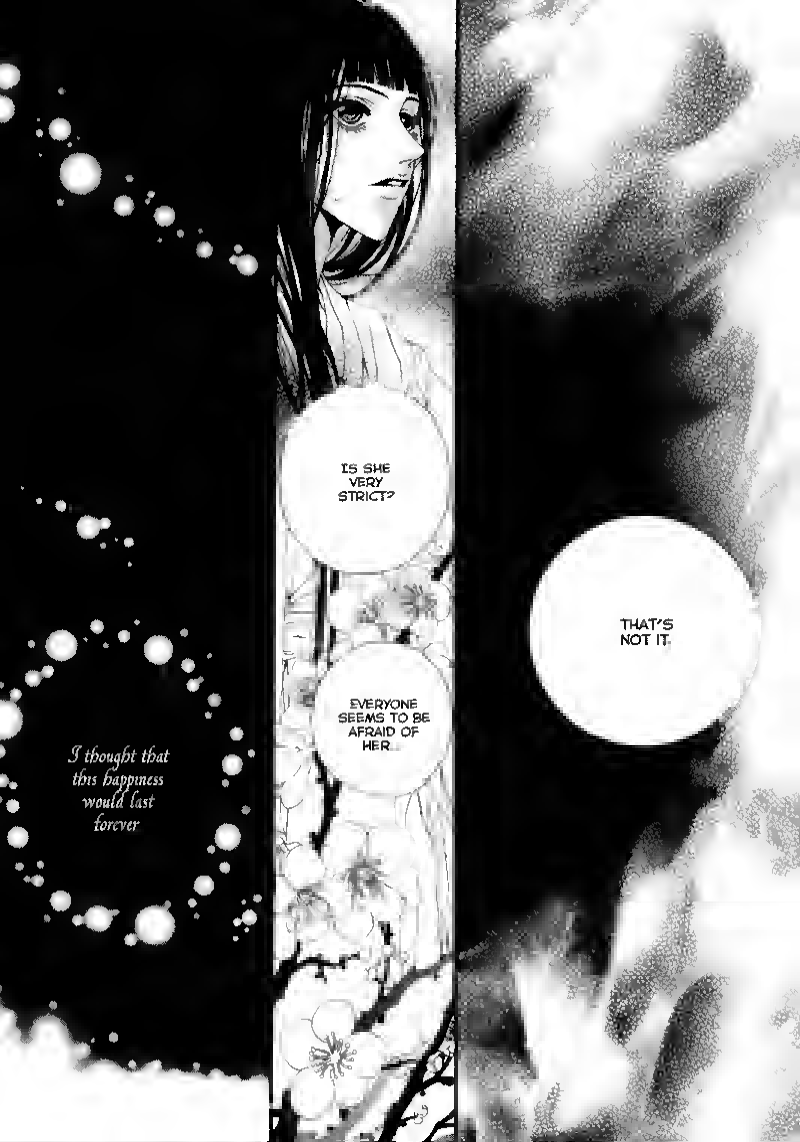
How did things turn out this way?



If I had only known this earlier...
then

...it wouldn't have
turned out like this...

Up until now, no one had known about it


I thought that this happiness would last forever
IS SHE VERY STRICT?
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE AFRAID OF HER...
THAT'S NOT IT.

THE REASON WHY SUH WANGMO IS SO SCARY IS. .
...BECAUSE SHE'S THE GODDESS OF PUNISHMENT AND TORTURE!
?!
But, you don't need to be nervous. Since she's also the goddess of love and hate.
Phew
But that doesn't mean you can be careless. Since she's also the goddess of diseases.
BUT...
ACTUALLY, WHERE'S THE MAIN CHARACTER OF ALL OF THIS?

FSHAAAAAH
SHHH
FSHAHHH
LIFT
...

龍
SQUIRM
WHISK
たべかた

FOR SOME REASON, THE WIND AND WATER ARE VERY NOISY TODAY.
THEY ARE RESTLESS BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING UNKNOWN.
DID SOMEONE COME?
YES, SUH WANGMO'S MESSENGER BROUGHT US A LETTER.
WITHOUT A DOUBT, JU DONG MUST HAVE OPENED IT.
AND ITS CONTENTS?
IT SAID THAT SHE WILL VISIT THE WATER KINGDOM SOON.

IT'S BECAUSE OF SOAH.
BUT HOW DID SHE FIND OUT? SHE'S TERMINATED HER FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH ME FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS.
WAS IT YOU, HOO-YE?
SWEL
I AM SORRY. I WILL RECEIVE ANY KIND OF PUNISHMENT.

HUMPH, LET'S STOP.
SPLASH
I KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO IT.
IT WAS OBVIOUSLY YOOK-OH. HE IS, AFTER ALL, ORIGINALLY PART OF MY MOTHER'S GROUP.
BUT YOU KNEW FROM THE VERY START, THOUGH, RIGHT? HUMPH! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT COVERING FOR IT DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH?
I AM SORRY.

DON'T DO IT AGAIN
...
IF YOU ALSO BETRAY ME ..
I'M NOT GOING TO FORGIVE YOU.

Never again...
I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS ONCE
YES...

HABAEK!
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT? SUH WANGMO...!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING, HUGGING EACH OTHER?
MAD

SOAH
YO-HEE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALL ALONE?
I WAS JUST THINKING.

IF IT'S BECAUSE OF SUH WANGMO, THEN DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
EVERYTHING WILL BE OK CHEER UP, SOAH
THANK YOU .
DAMN/ WHAT IS HE DOING? IN THIS SORT OF SITUATION, YOUR HUSBAND HAS TO HELP YOU/
BUT, WHAT DID HABAEK SAY ABOUT IT?
THAT'S STILL --

SOAH, AREN'T YOU COMING IN, TOO?
I'LL GO IN A LITTLE LATER.
YO-HEE, IT'S REALLY LATE, SO YOU SHOULD GET GOING
WHAT?
OK. THEN, I'LL BE GOING FIRST.
OK...

WHERE COULD HABAEK HAVE BEEN ALL DAY TODAY?
SPLASH
SPLASH..

SPLASH
FLOOSH
!!

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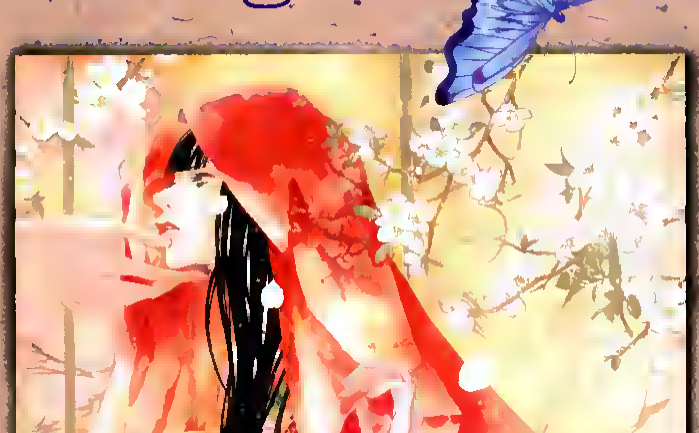

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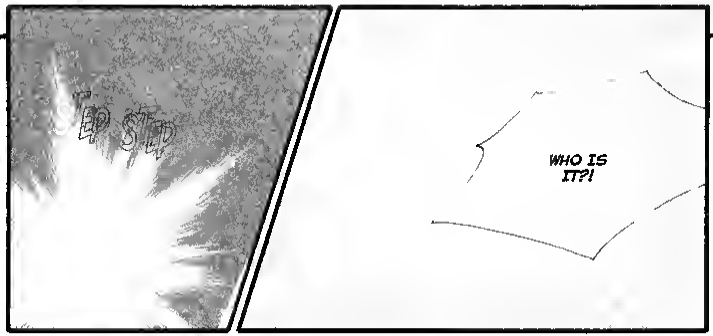
WHO IS IT?!

I'm swimming with my goddess down the nine rivers,
where the wind creates ripples along the surface of the water,
playing amongst the water wheels and lotus leaves,
riding the hornless chi and two other dragons alongside the riverbed.*

Excerpts from Habaek, Nine Songs, Songs of the South
by Qu Yuan and Song Yu

*Hornless Chinese dragon

SPLASH

A LITTLE MOUSE HAS JUST HIDDEN ITSELF.

I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING IN THERE SO HOW ABOUT YOU JUST COME OUT AND SHOW YOURSELF?

GEK..

BUT..
ISN'T THIS SITUATION SUPPOSED TO BE THE OPPOSITE?
USUALLY IT'S THE WOMAN WHO'S BATHING AND THE MAN WHO'S STEALING A GLANCE AT HER...
This isn't the norm either
I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE LOST MY WAY ROUND THE PLACE...
BUT...
BECAUSE I GOT ALL CONFUSED, THE SITUATION DROVE ME TO HIDE MYSELF .
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN COME OUT NOW!

YOU ARE REALLY STUBBORN.

WHAT? YOU KNOW I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE YOU WHEN I KILL YOU.
CRAP!
FWHOOSHHH

SWISH
WHISHHH
THERE'S NO WAY THEY'RE NOT RELATED!
THEIR BAD PERSONALITIES ARE SO SIMILAR!
WAI–

WAIT!
CHOMP

HALT
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, HEAD MASTER OF THE WATER REALM.
BANWANG... WAS IT YOU?

YOUR QUICK TEMPER (AND A DIRTY ONE AT THAT) IS THE SAME AS USUAL.
SHUT UP. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS STEALING A GLANCE AT SOMEONE BATHING, YOU PERVERTED DOG
...
flinch
HUH... WHAT...? YOU DON'T LIKE THIS LOOK?
THEN, I'LL TALK TO YOU IN THIS FORM.

THE EMPEROR HAS ASKED ME TO ESCORT YOU TO HIM.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.
SO, PLEASE LEAVE. BESIDES, YOUR DOG HAIRS ARE FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
WOOSH
wipe wipe
IT'S ABOUT NAK-BIN...
FREEZE

HE SAID THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

I CAN ONLY SEE MOOEE FROM HERE
WHO IS HE TALKING TO?
IF I COULD JUST MOVE IN A LITTLE CLOSER, THEN I'D BE ABLE TO HEAR THEM BETTER...
rustle
?!
FALL

AH HA! THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER MOUSE?
GRAB
AHHH!
?!

SPLASH

HABAEK.
FSHHHHH
HABAEK.
SHOULD YOU BE THIS LAID BACK? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, YOU KNOW.
Sigh
WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?
You left Soah by herself?

thump thump thump

STARTLED
THIS MISS...
MAYBE SHE...
HOLD TIGHT

SHE'S NOTHING.

...
I SEE
SLITHER

WHO IS IT?

I SMELL SOMETHING FAMILIAR...
...HABAEK?
CLACK
SHUT

KA-CLACK

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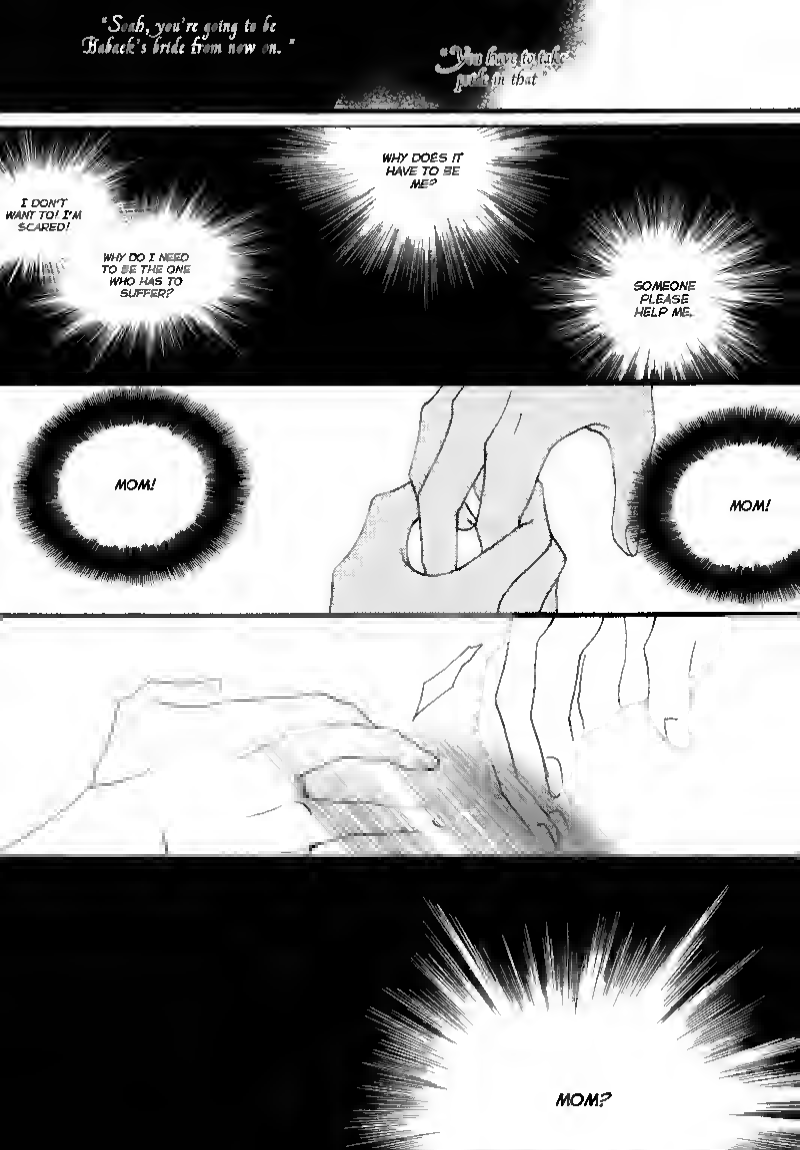

"Sooh, you're going to be Babaek's bride from now on."
"You have to take part in that."
I DON'T WANT TO! I'M SCARED!
WHY DO I NEED TO BE THE ONE WHO HAS TO SUFFER?
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME?
SOMEONE PLEASE HELP ME.
MOM!
MOM!
MOM?

THAT WAS ... JUST A DREAM...

When did I return to my room?

...does the moon
tonight ... for some
reason ... seem brighter
than usual...?

TWO MOONS?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WRONG.
THAT'S NOT A MOON.
IS IT?
THAT'S THE KUNLUN MOUNTAINS.
SWOOSH
...SUH WANGMO HAS ARRIVED.

Her face is
terribly cold yet
terribly beautiful

I can see that without her ever having to say a word
REACH
SHOCK
SO, HE REALLY DID TAKE A HUMAN GIRL AS HIS BRIDE...
This person...

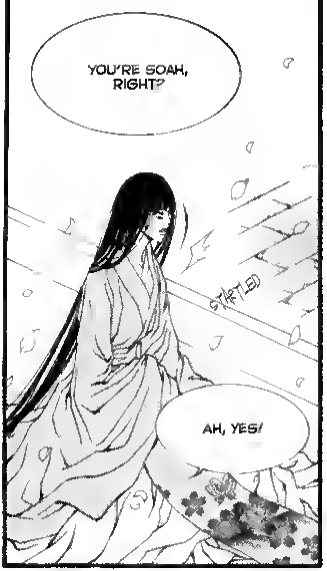
...is Habael's mother...!!
And also...
the goddess of punishment and torture
I STOPPED BY JUST TO GREET YOU..

LET'S BOTHER WITH THE DETAILS WHEN DAYLIGHT COMES.
WOOSH
My face feels cold...
That was definitely not a dream...!

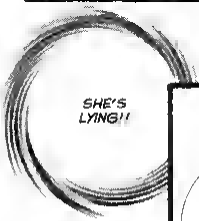
FSHHH...
CLACK
I'VE HEARD THAT YOUR MOTHER'S HERE. IS THAT SO, HABAEK?
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULDN'T BE SOMEWHERE ELSE?
Ack! If you make that noise, then...
CLACK

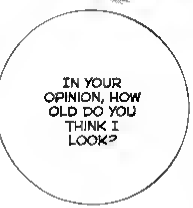
HABAEK
SHOULD YOU BE THIS LAID BACK? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, YOU KNOW.
WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?
LET ME SEE...
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING, "LET ME SEE." SOAH WAS JUST ESCORTED TO SEE SUH WANGMO, YOU KNOW!
...

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, JU-DONG.
IT HAS BEEN 400 YEARS SINCE THE TIME WHEN YOU STOLE A PEACH FROM MY GARDEN AND ATE IT, RIGHT?
AH HA HA... YES.
DAMN IT! SHE HAS A GOOD MEMORY


YOU'RE SOAH, RIGHT?
STARTLED
AH, YES!

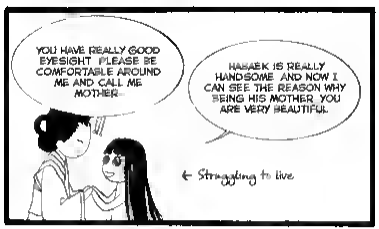
DON'T BE SO TENSE. I'M NOT A SCARY PERSON.


SHE'S LYING!!


IN YOUR OPINION, HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I LOOK?

UH... MAYBE THIRTY-.

EEK! ACTUALLY, SHE'S, LIKE, 20,000 YEARS OLD!
SMACK


YOU HAVE REALLY GOOD EYESIGHT. PLEASE BE COMFORTABLE AROUND ME AND CALL ME MOTHER.
HANBEK IS REALLY HANDSOME AND NOW I CAN SEE THE REASON WHY BEING HIS MOTHER, YOU ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL.
← Struggling to live

BUT, NO MATTER IF THE SON IS *BIG* OR *SMALL*, A PARENT IS CERTAINLY ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT HIM.
SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE WATER KINGDOM?
HABAEK...?!

IS THAT HOW YOU GREET YOUR MOTHER WHO YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IN A WHILE?!
SOAH.
PLEASE GO BACK WITH YO-HEE.
HOLD
WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?
?
?
REALLY NOW, DO YOU THINK I WOULD ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING?

UH... UM...
QUICKLY NOW!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, SO I FELT HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME
IF YOU'RE SO HAPPY TO SEE ME, THEN WHY DID YOU CUT OUR COMMUNICATION FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS?
TURN

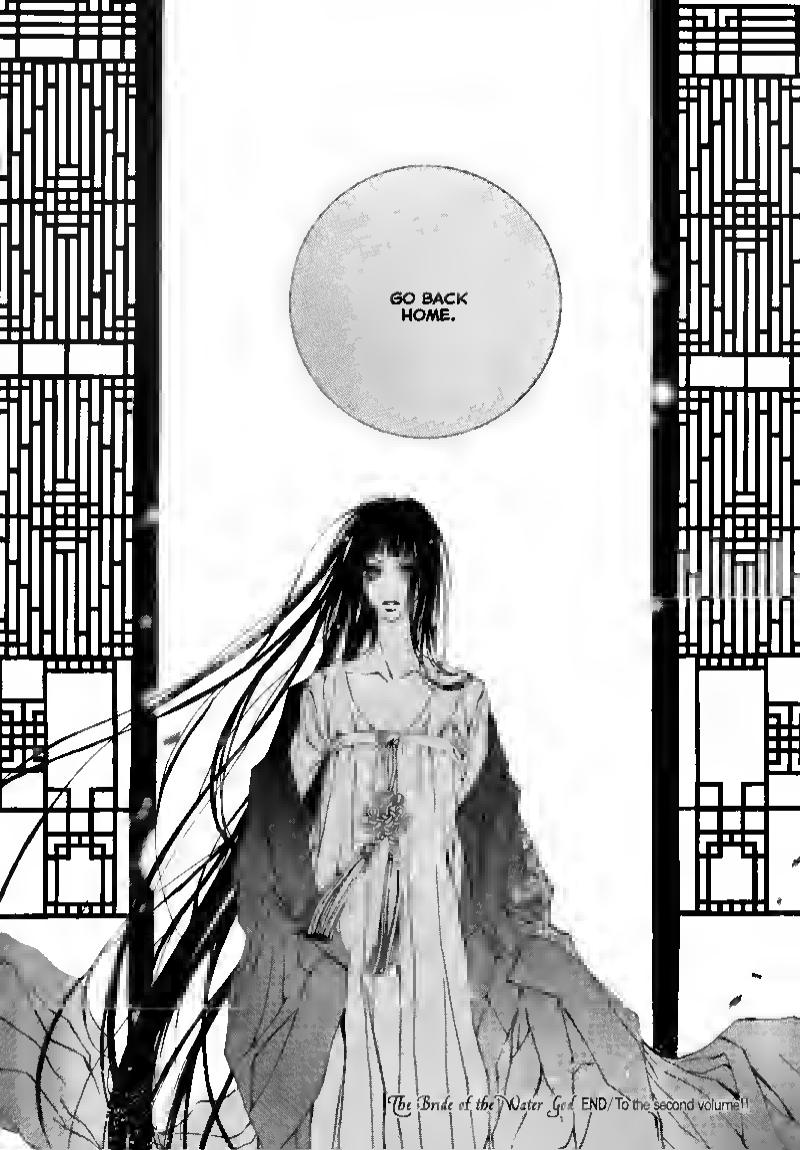
Not so long ago, I also saw that same brief sad look...
WERE YOU AFRAID, SOAH?
SOAH?
HUH? SORRY.
I JUST THOUGHT OF MY MOTHER...
DO YOU MISS YOUR FAMILY?
THAT'S NOT IT...
"I'm sorry my child, but..."

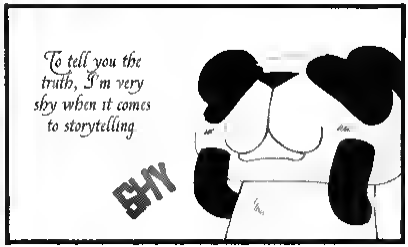
Why... All
that talk has...to...
so worked up
this...
KNOCK
KNOCK
Who could it be
at this hour?
WHO IS IT?
?!
Moore?

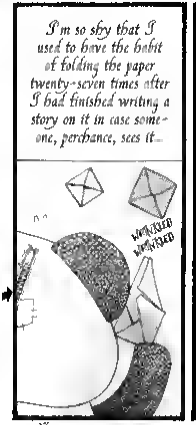
CLOSE IN
WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump

WHAT...?

TURN
JUST NOW.....
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY . ?
GO BACK.


GO BACK HOME.

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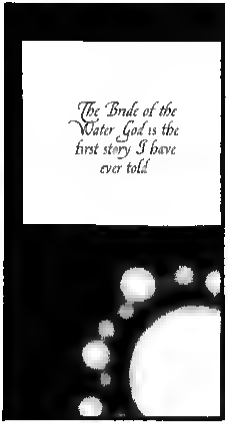
UNFOLDED
REFOLDED



※ A paper cannot be folded more than ten times.

HEY, BIG SIS... HOW ABOUT THIS?
ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump

IT'LL BE A STORY ABOUT A GUY WHO GETS BIG AT NIGHT...
...
Real sister →

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After a few years or so, I started creating the story which you see now. (Even though it almost became an adult comic for only those who are nineteen and up)
I hope you will treat me well in the days to come ♡

The End